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**SUBJECT:** Wisconsin National Guard seeking to join state's Green Tier Program

**MADISON --** The Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on an application to join the state's Green Tier program by the Wisconsin National Guard. Green Tier is designed to recognize and reward companies who are committed to superior environmental performance.

The Wisconsin Army National Guard (WIARNG), part of the state's Department of Military Affairs, is applying for Tier 1 of the program. Green Tier encourages businesses to voluntarily collaborate with the DNR to move beyond regulatory compliance to superior environmental performance. To be accepted an applicant must have a good environmental record, commit to superior environmental performance, and implement an Environmental Management System.

The WIARNG manages 91 facilities around the State of Wisconsin that work to maintain our state and national security. In addition to administrative facilities, the WIARNG also operates armories and maintenance support facilities including the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site, the Combined Support Maintenance Shop, Field Maintenance Shops, and Army Aviation Support Facilities.

Committed to environmental stewardship, the WIARNG has implemented waste minimization strategies and recycling efforts, including recycling oil, antifreeze, batteries, tires, and other components. Standard Operating Procedures have also been introduced for responding to emergency spill situations in order to prevent or mitigate any corresponding environmental impacts. The WIARNG has also implemented an Environmental Management System (eMS) that conforms to the International Organization for Standardization 14001 eMS standard.

As they move forward in Green Tier, the WIARNG and their Environmental Quality Control Committee will work towards environmental objectives that ensure compliance and continue to improve their environmental performance. Initiatives include increased environmental training levels and training opportunities, protecting water quality near facilities, and preventing spills. In addition, all current and future military construction projects are designed and built to a minimum LEED Silver standard.

The DNR will accept public comments on the WIARNG's Green Tier application through November 4, 2010. Specific information on this application and on the Green Tier program can be accessed on the Internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/comment/index.htm>.

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